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In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on July 1, 2002, attached please find the formal drawings for this application with each sheet indicating the application number and Group Art Unit on the front of the drawings - Number of Sheets: 17.

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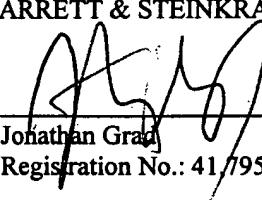
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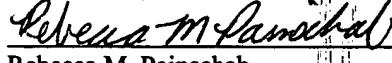
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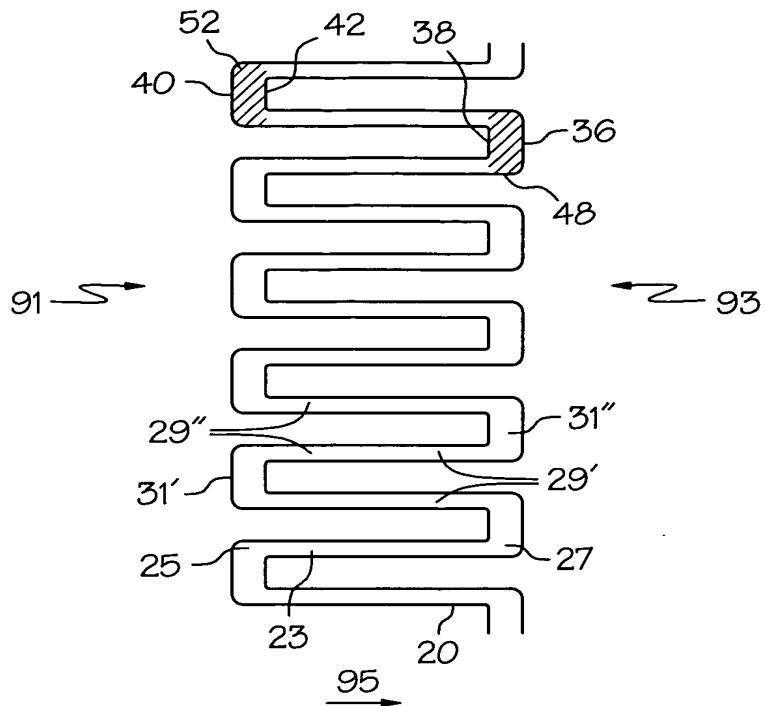


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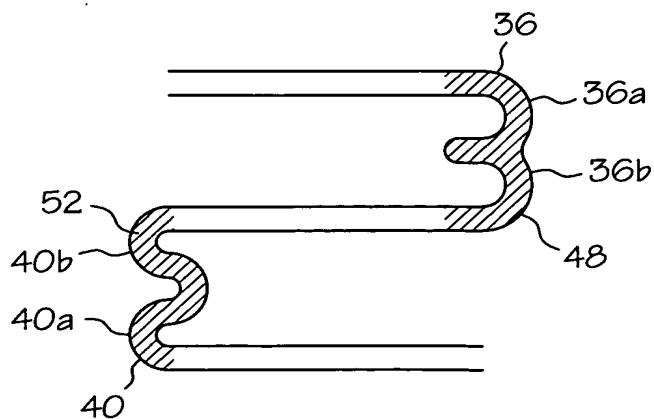
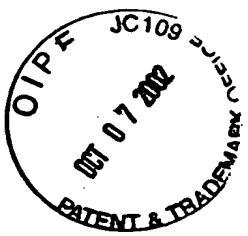


FIG. 1b



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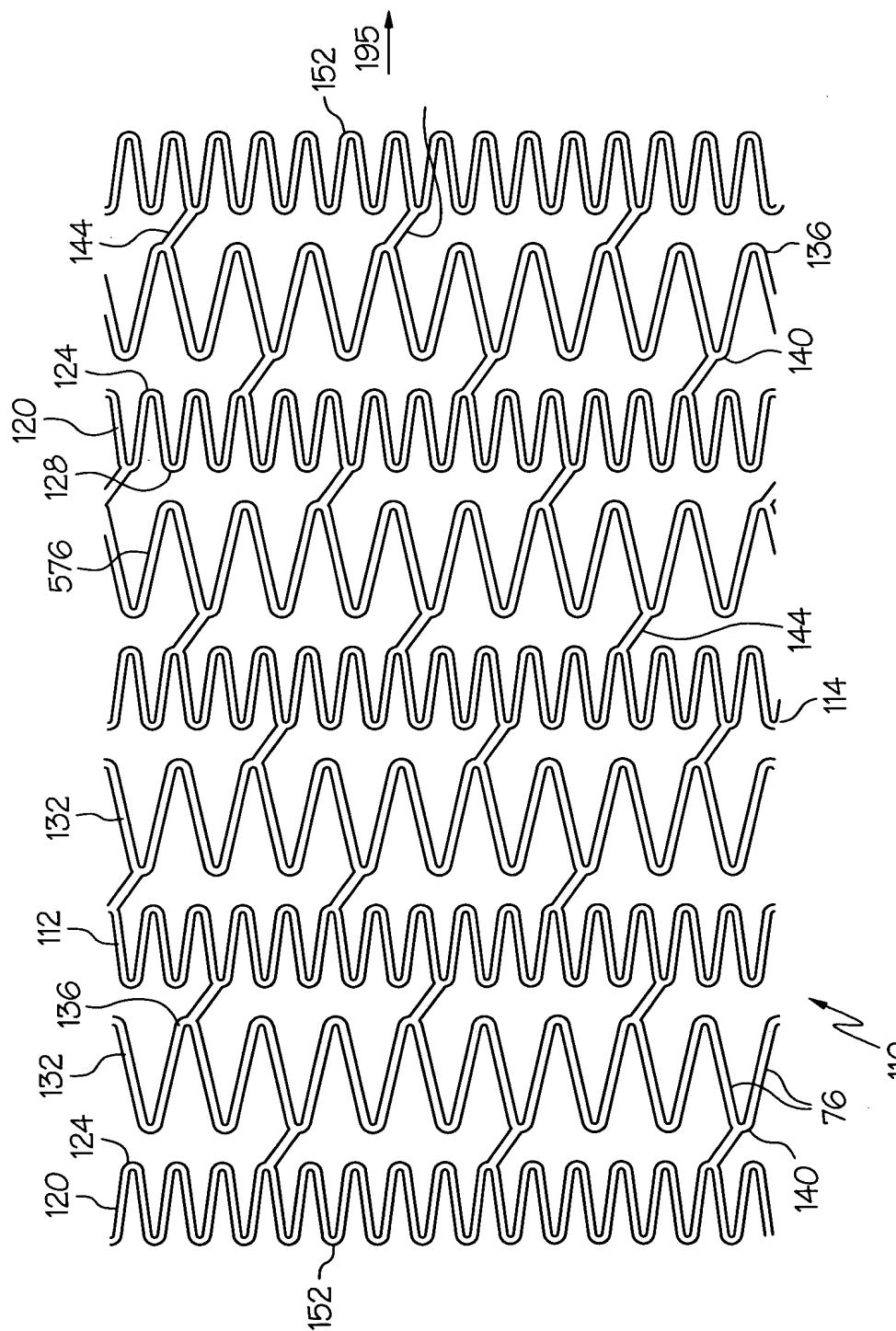
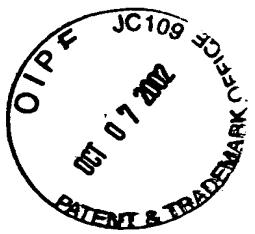


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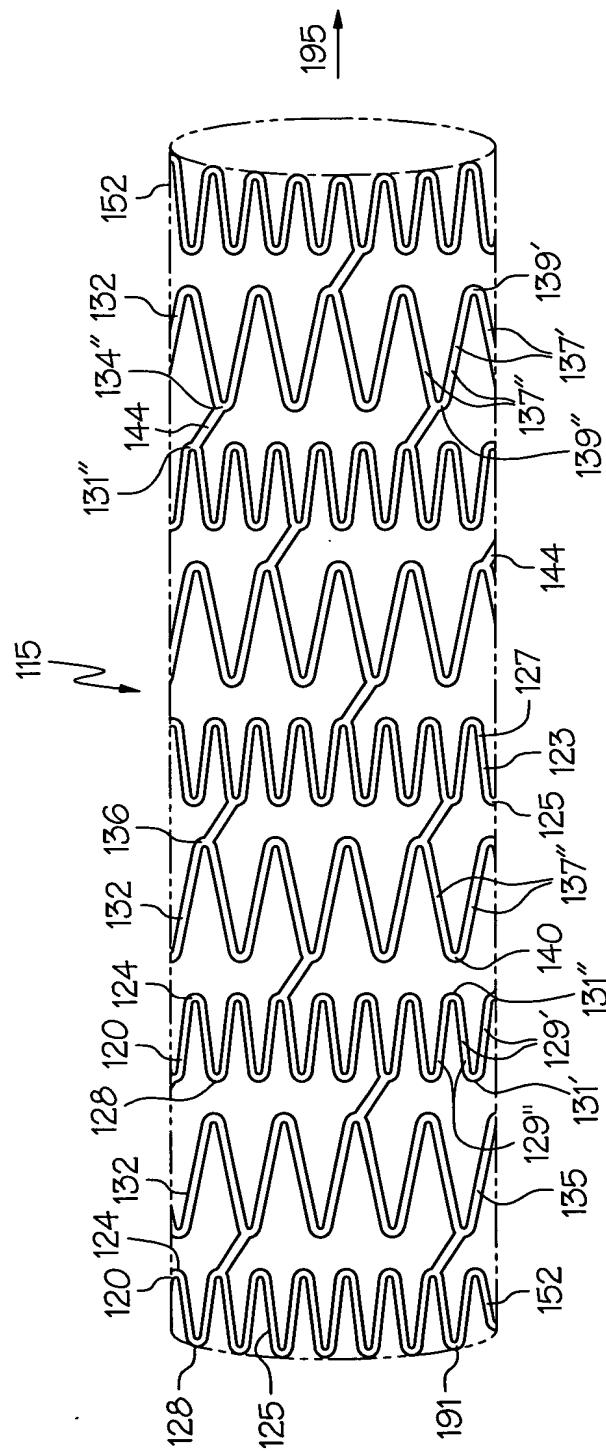
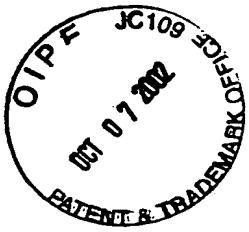


FIG. 3



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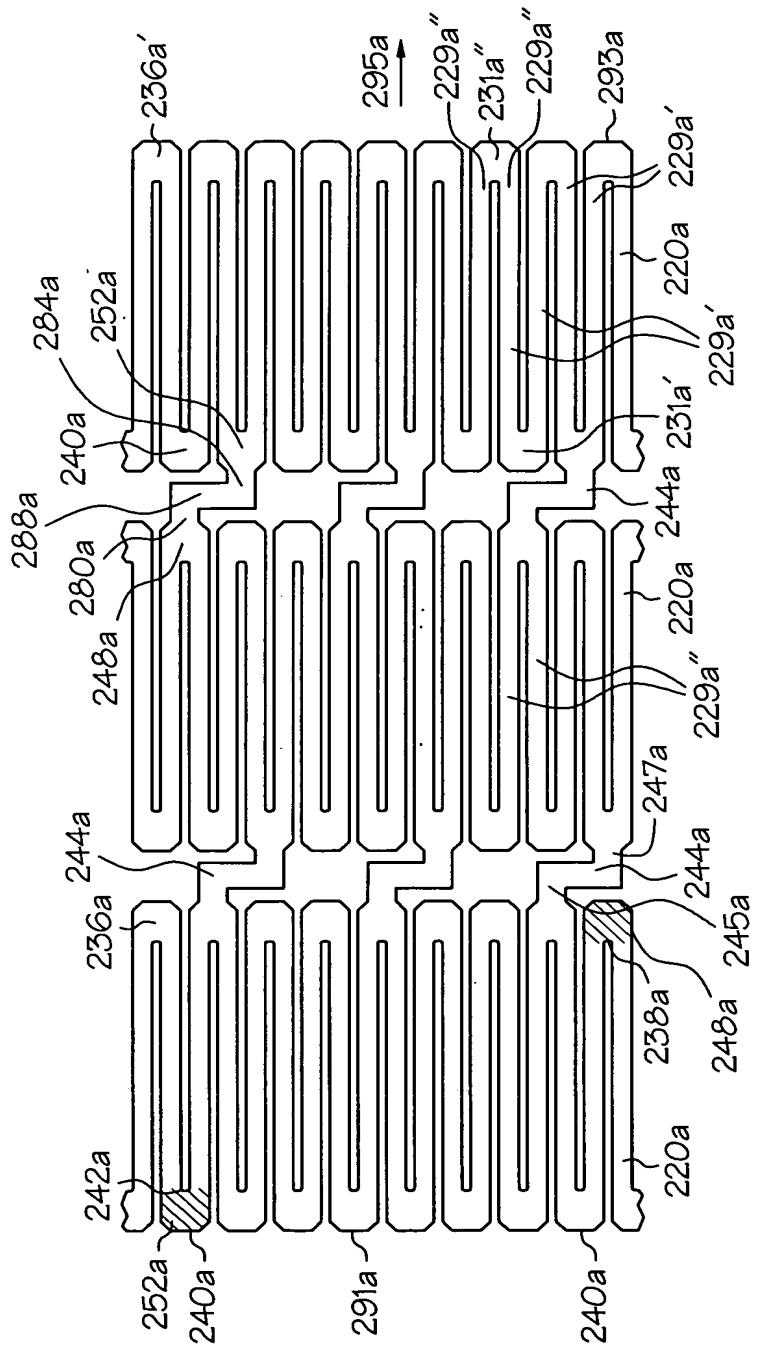
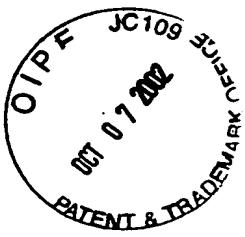


FIG. 4a



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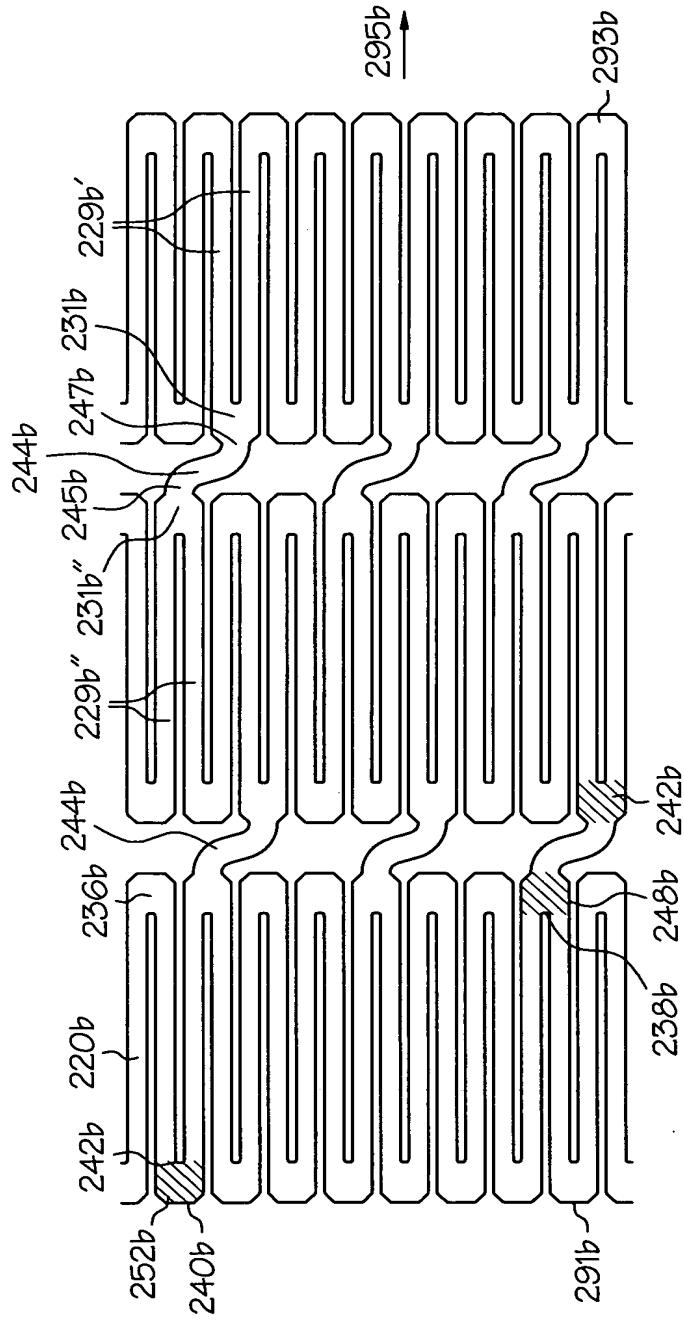
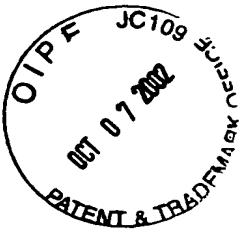


FIG. 4b



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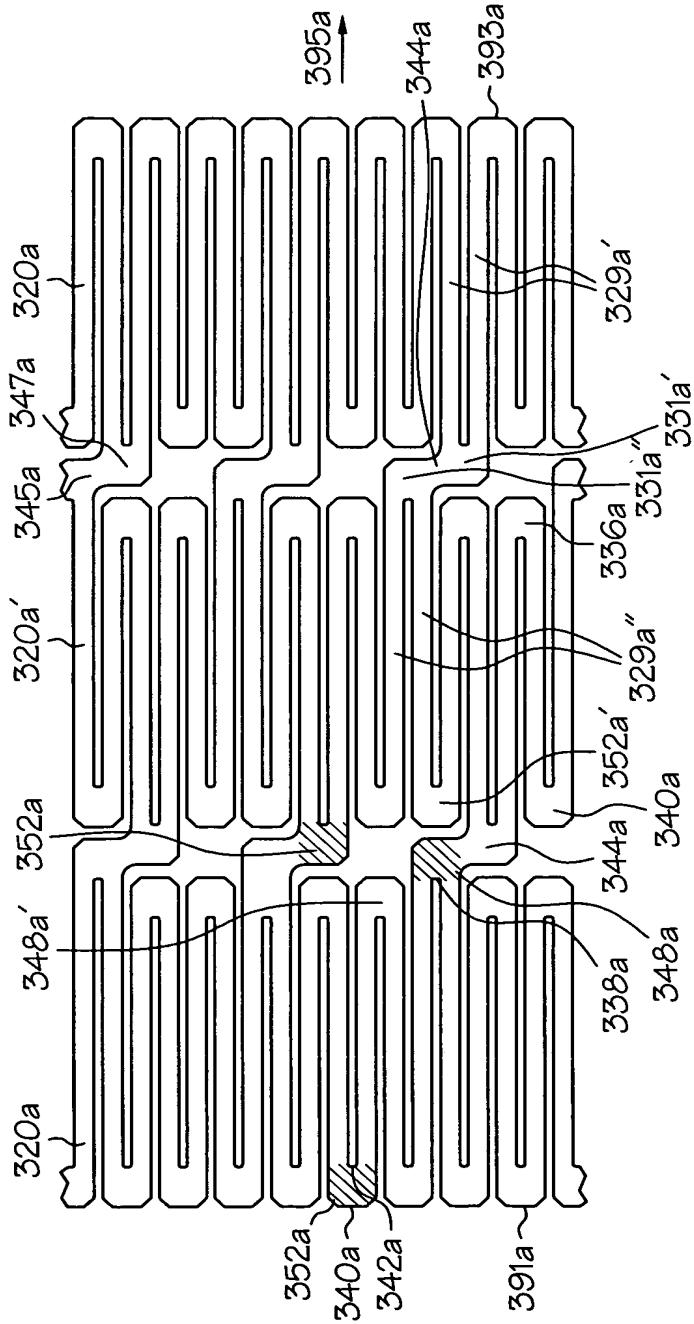
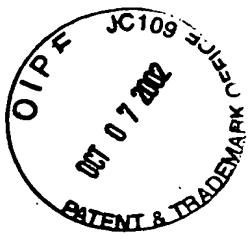


FIG. 5a



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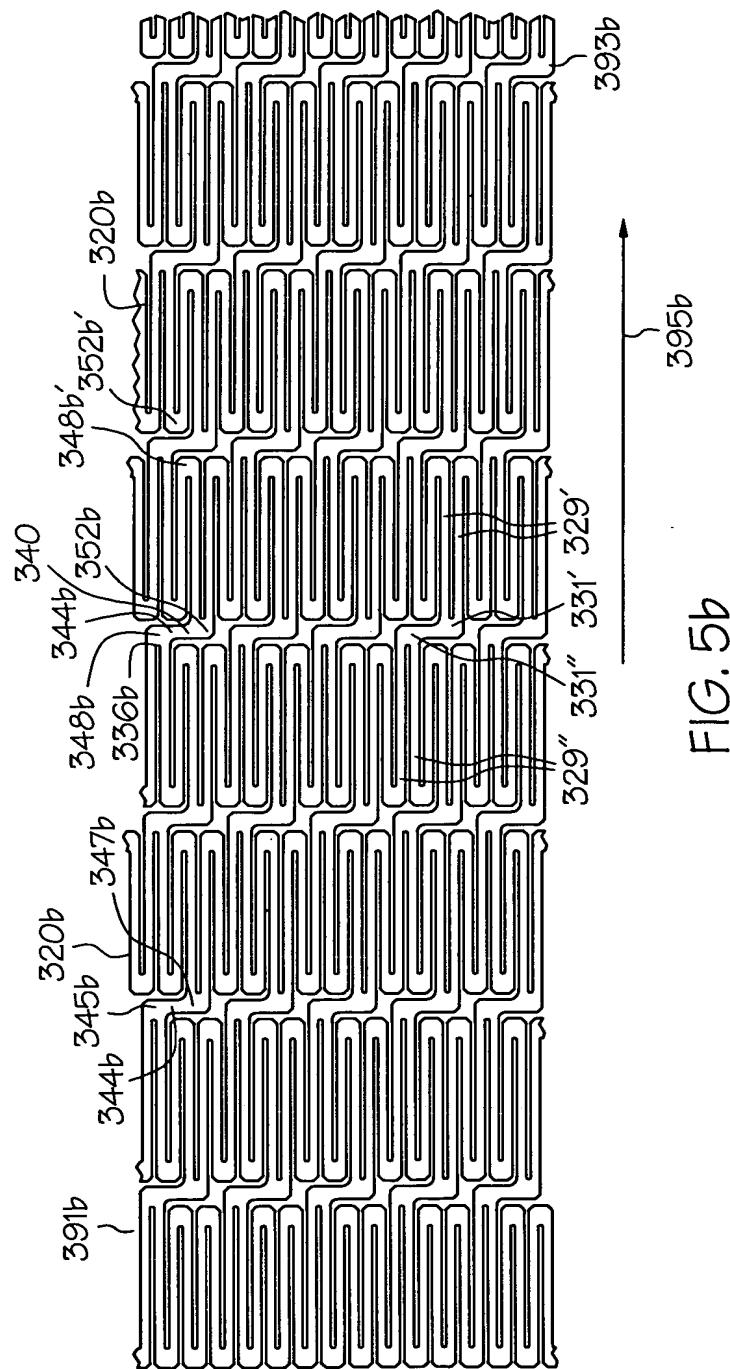
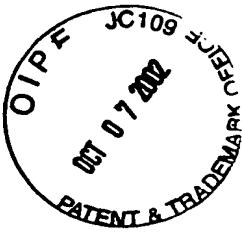


FIG. 5b



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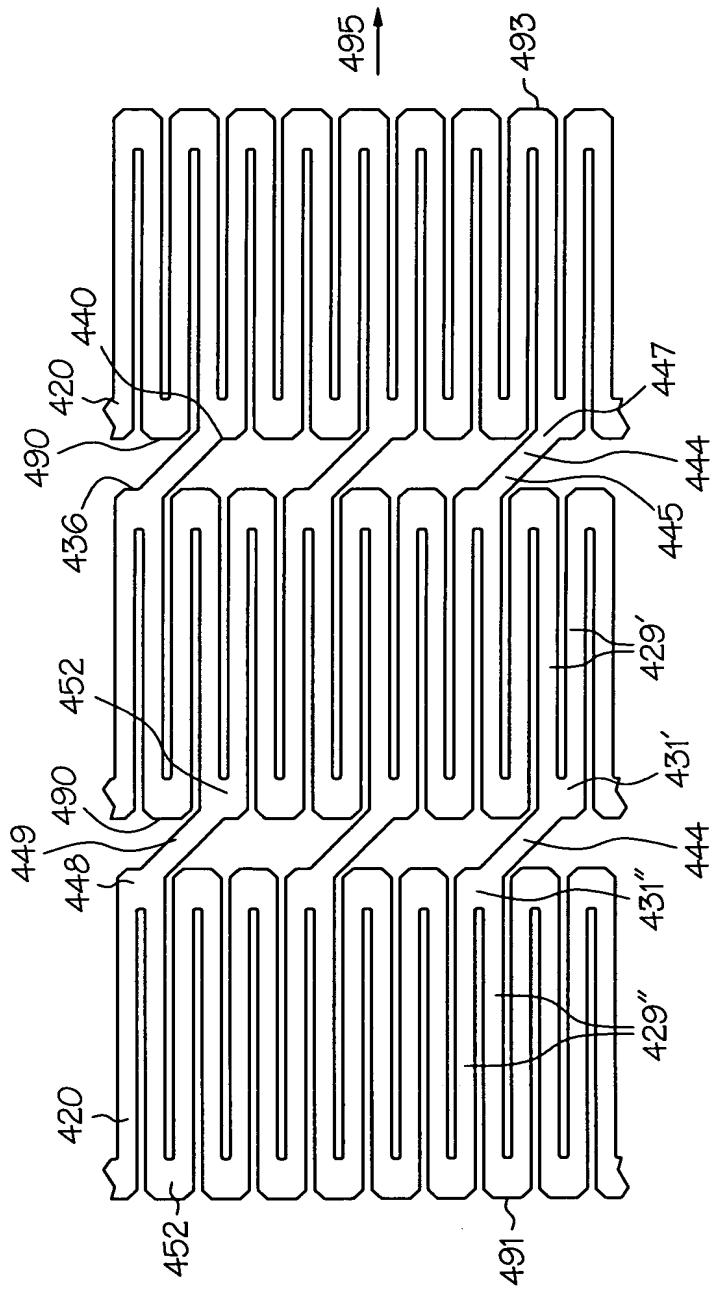
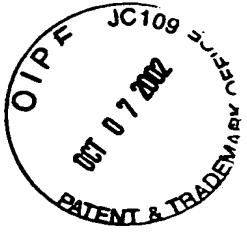


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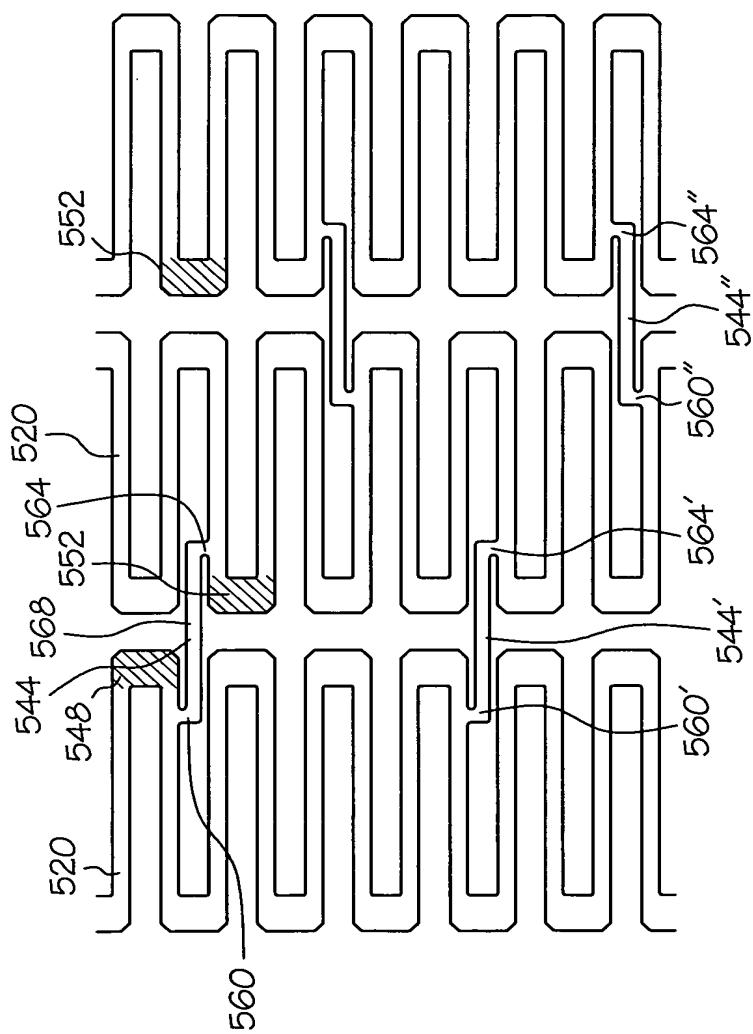


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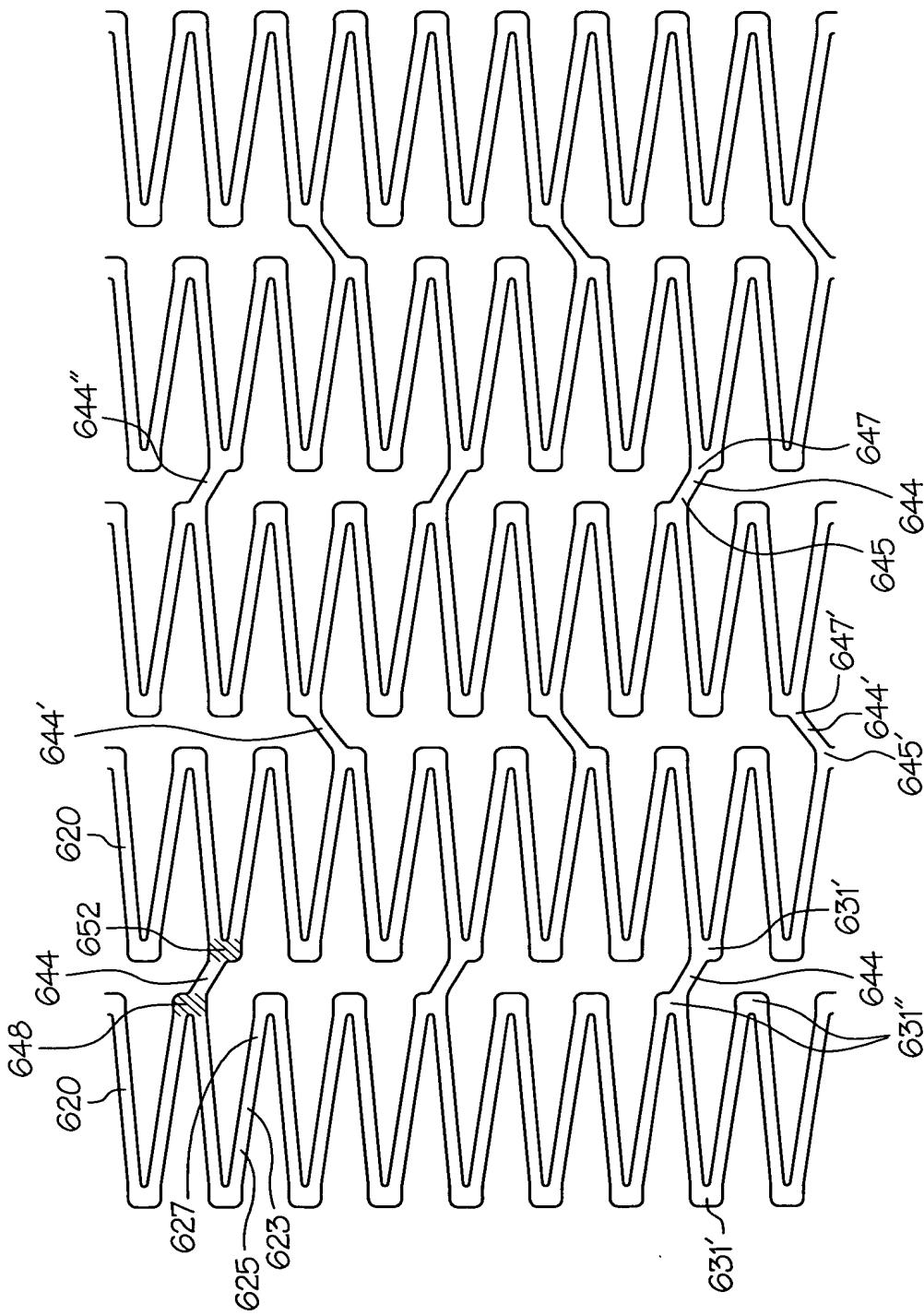
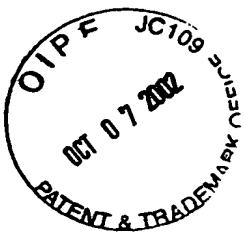


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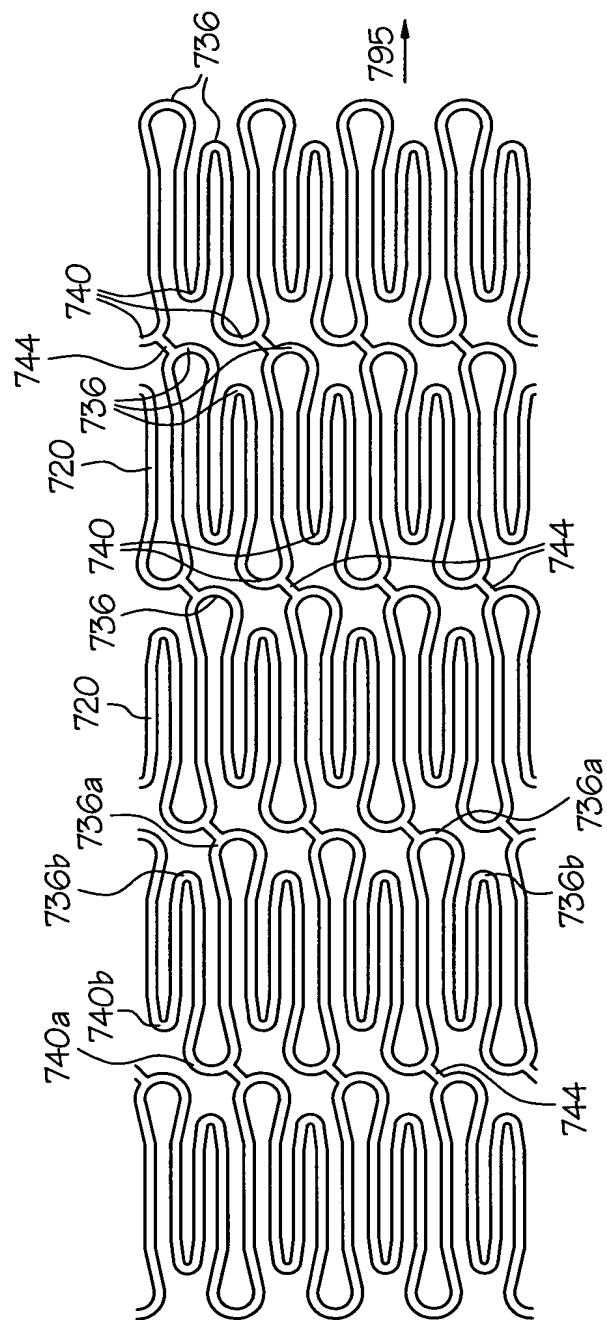


FIG. 9



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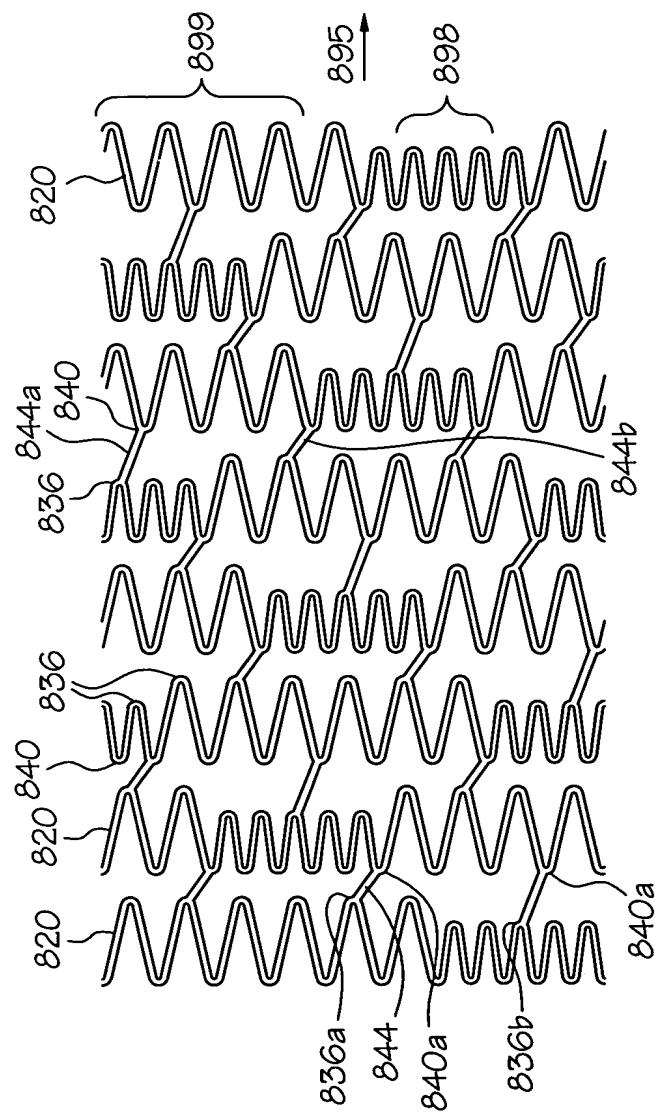
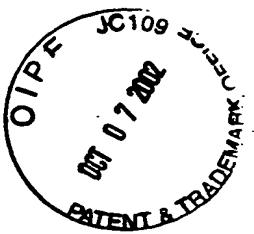


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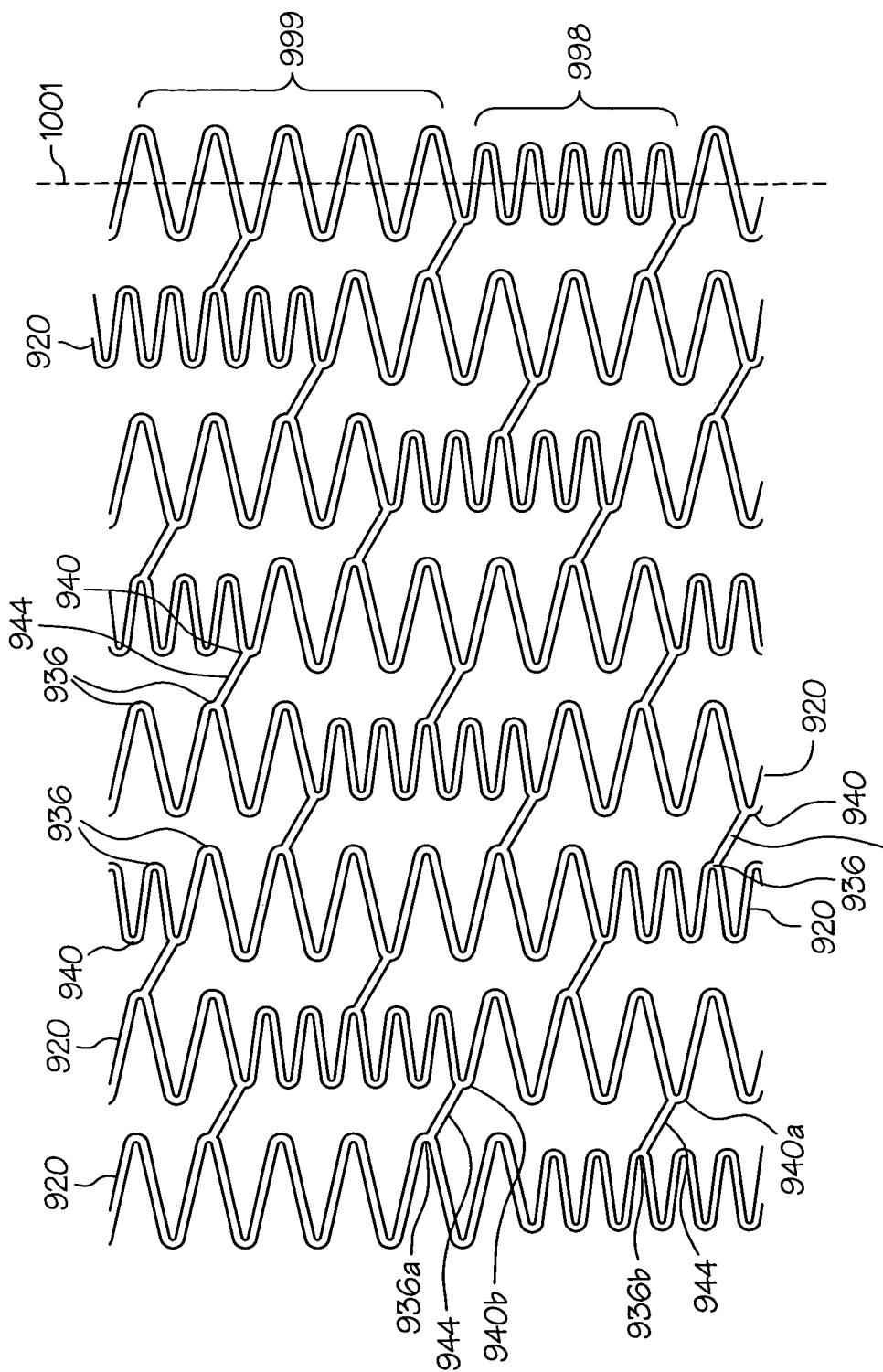
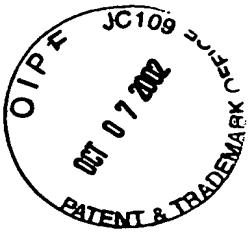


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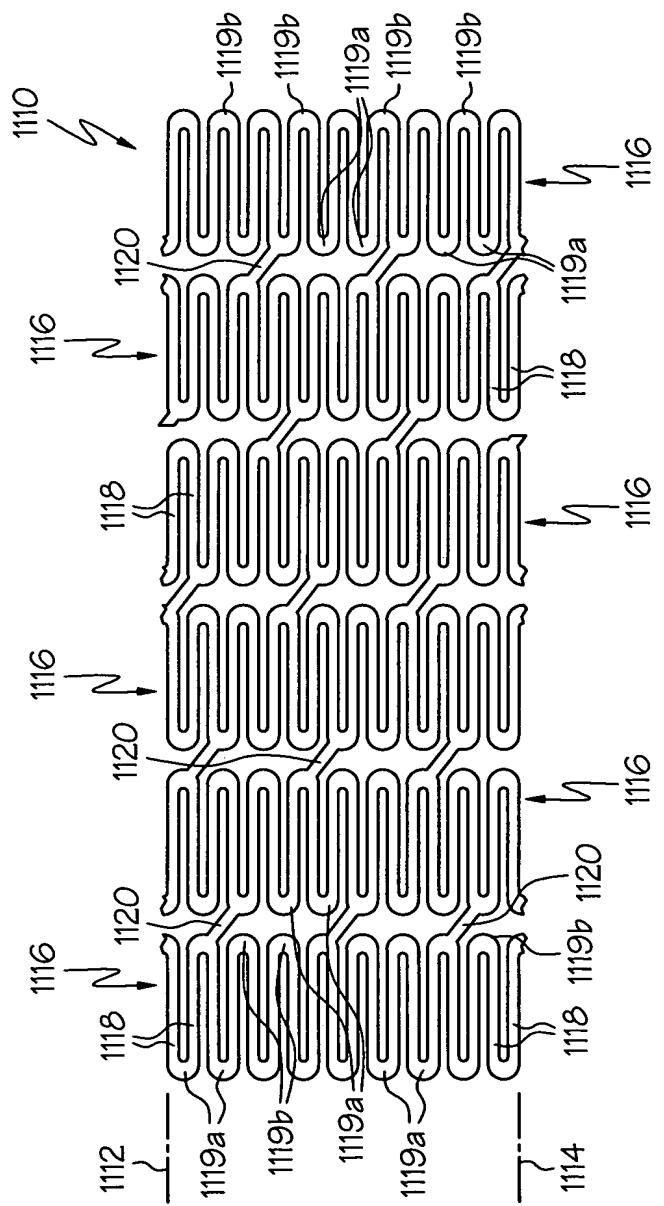


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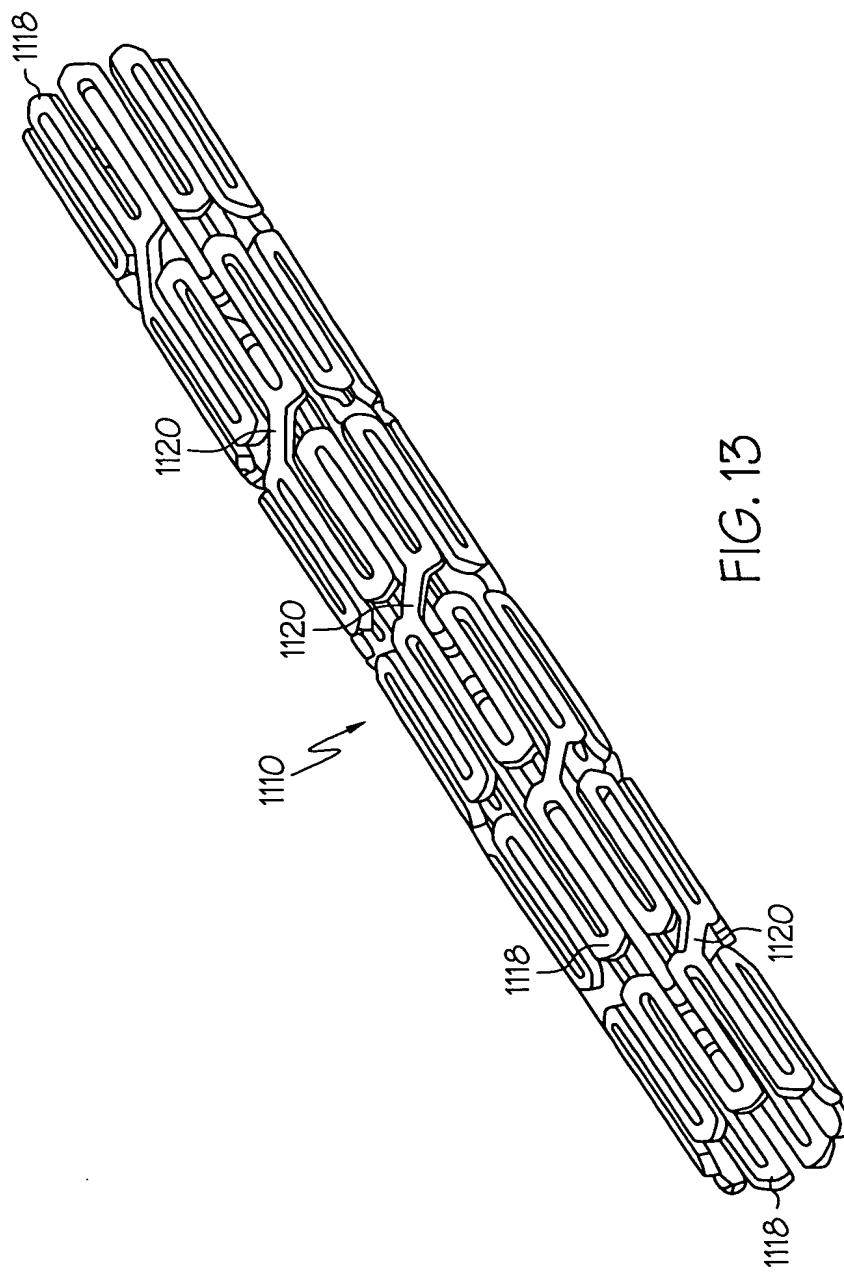


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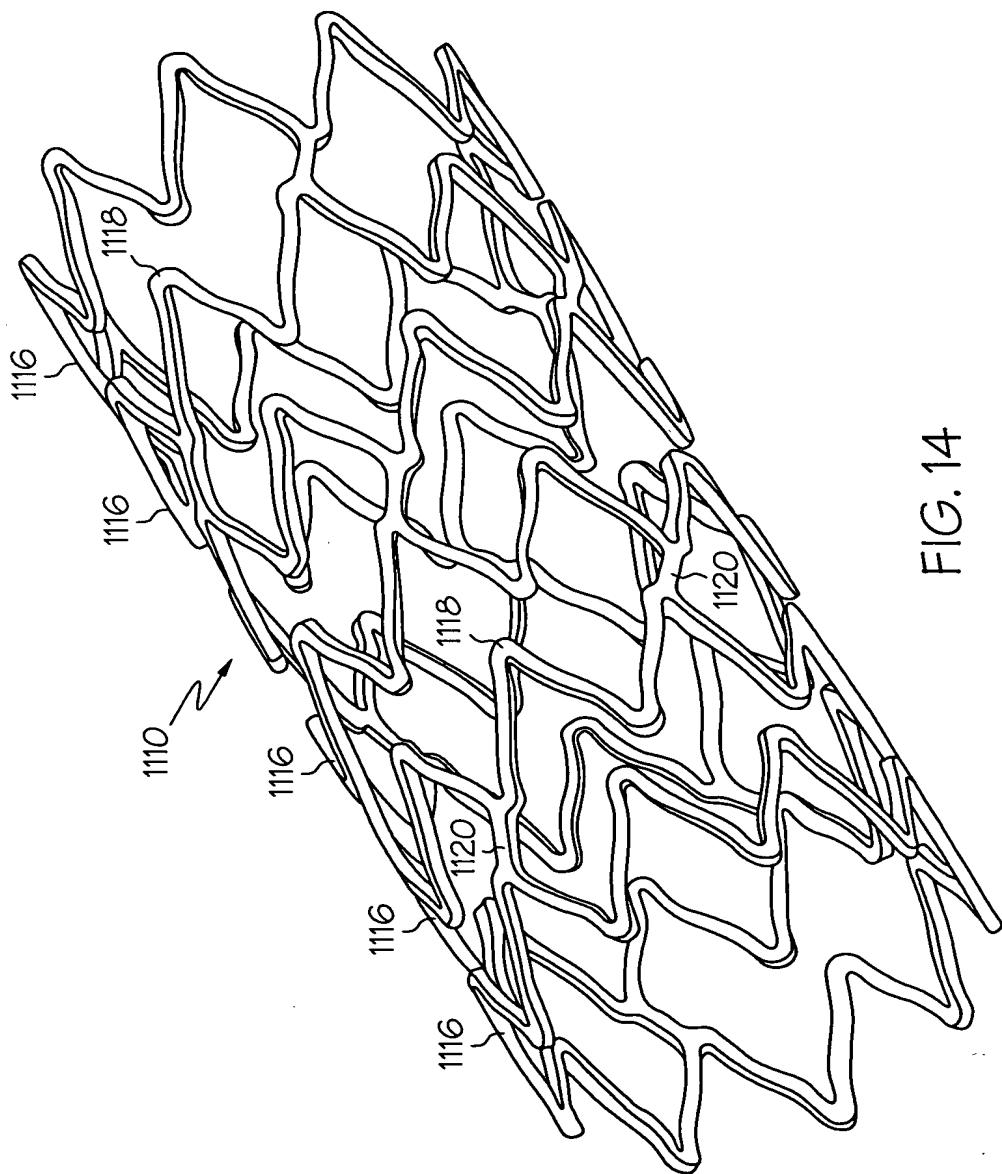
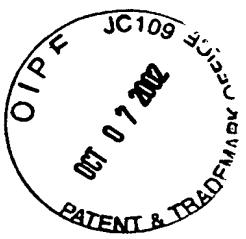


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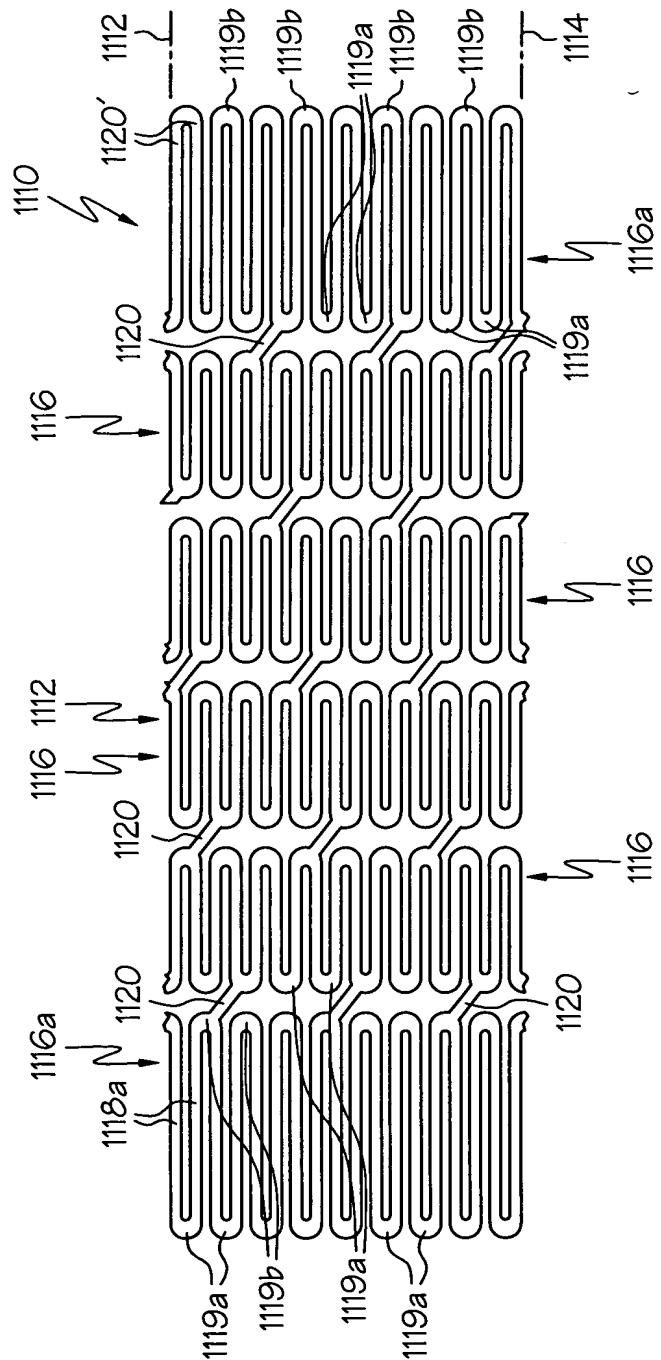


FIG. 15